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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 February 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greco et al. (US 2002/0120680).

Greco et al. teach a method and system for providing electronic document services, comprising:

As per claims 1 and 12,

providing a browser to locate a service provider on the Internet [0006]; [0051]; [0089];

providing a database of information accessible by parties wherein the database of information includes information such as requirements to effectuate delivery of a special mailing, forms, and addresses [0012]; [0013];

inputting information into the database regarding demographics [0082]; [0084];

selecting a type of communication by one of the users [0062]; [0084];

automatically delivering an item by the special service [0062] – [0069];

generating and transferring user fees, postage costs, and special service mail provider costs [0097].

Greco et al. do not specifically teach that providing a browser to locate a service provider on the Internet includes providing a website.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Greco et al. to include providing a website of a service provider, because it appears that the claimed features do not distinguish the invention over similar features in the prior art, and the teachings of Greco et al. would perform the invention as claimed by the applicant with either specifically teaching the website, or not.

Also, Greco et al. teaches:

As per claims 2 and 10, means for inputting and storing information by each of the users [0082]; [0084].

As per claim 3, a plurality of forms stored in the database wherein the users may choose any one of the plurality of forms [0082]; [0084].

As per claim 4, a directory of addresses stored in the database [0013]; [0062].

As per claim 5, means for generating addresses necessary for delivery based on information input by the user [0062]; [0071].

As per claims 6 and 15, means for generating communications based on the information input by the user [0012].

As per claims 7 and 14, means for suggesting mailing requirements based on information input by the user [0012].

As per claim 8, means for computing postage costs and fees to the user associated with delivery by the special service [0097].

As per claim 9, means for contacting a supplier necessary to complete delivery of the communication by the special service [0046].

As per claims 11 and 18, means for generating a report for the user [0097].

As per claim 13, determining required services for delivery by the special service and costs associated with the delivery [0012]; [0097].

As per claim 16, providing the communication to the user via a display screen [0015]; [0050].

As per claim 17, providing information related to steps taken by a special service mail provider in mailing the communication [0097].

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure (see form PTO-892).

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 872-9306.

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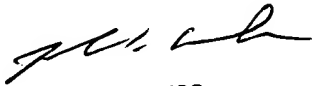
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